



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Narcotics/Organized Crime Unit Detectives Arrest Ten on Suspicion of Identity Theft

On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, as a result of a three month investigation into "taking identity of another person with the intent to obtain employment," Detectives from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Narcotics/Organized Crime Unit served a search warrant at the Panda Express, 2485 N. Swan Road, Suite #101, in Tucson, AZ. During the service of the warrant ten suspects, six men and four women were arrested.

The object of the search warrant was to obtain information and evidence of identity theft being committed by several employees of the restaurant.

All ten subjects were booked into the Pima County Jail on the charge of "aggravated taking identity of another person with the intent to obtain employment," Arizona Revised Statutes 13-2009.A3. Due to the problems of verification of identities', the names of those arrested will not be released at this time.

The prosecution of this case will be handled by the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.

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